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REFUSED TO INDICT

Henry Becker Goes Free on Murder Charge.

ARRAIGNED AND DISCHARGED

Was Arrested For Murder of Amelia Staffeldt, a 15-Year-Old Girl, and Confessed to Crime After Being Made Crazy by "Third Degree."

NEW YORK, July 3.—After a rigid examination the Queen's County grand jury has refused to indict Henry Becker for the murder of 15 year old Amelia Staffeldt of Flushing, N. Y. Becker will be arraigned in Flushing this morning and discharged. The police are now working on new clues, and in addition to looking for a former close friend of the family, who is missing, are trying to locate the source of a number of "black hand" letters that have been received by Mrs. George Simonson, the chief witness against Becker.

Casting aside all other clues, the police settled on Becker as the perpetrator of the murder. He is about 22 years of age and did odd jobs for a livelihood in the neighborhood where the girl was killed while picking dandelions on Wednesday afternoon, March 22. She was stabbed behind the right ear several times with the knife she had used in cutting dandelions. Becker was arrested near the scene next day.

It was not until after he had been put through the "third degree" several times that Becker made a confession and then he started in to confess to any and everybody who happened to ask him about the crime.

PERSONAL MENTION.

James Finlayson and G. Wingate spent the day in Saeside yesterday. They

considered that a little of the pure ozone of the Pacific would be beneficial to them both after their strenuous labors in the real estate market.

W. English is a guest at the Occident from Portland.

R. O. Marriott of Denver is a visitor in Astoria.

H. A. Fawcett of Portland is a guest at the Occident.

J. Beasley of Portland was an arrival in the city yesterday.

Fred Johnson of Seattle arrived in town on the late train yesterday.

J. M. Miller has brought his family in from Oak Point for the Fourth.

Rev. Ronka and family leave this morning for a month's visit to Washington points.

E. E. Lyons and his wife are amongst the arrivals in the city for the Fourth of July celebrations.

J. K. Hass and Ned R. Gliesepe of the P. R. & N. Co. are staying at the Occident. They took a 20-mile tramp yesterday and returned slightly damaged by rain.

Captain Betts, the Portland shipping master and his brother, the pilot, were in town yesterday. Captain Betts brought down 10 men for the ship Tellus at Knappton.

DONE BY DEED.

- Hermosa Park Investment Co. to Mary J. Leslie, lot 14, block 12, in Hermosa Park8200
- A. E. Wright et ux to Stella E. Oliver, lot 8, block 7, Grimes Groves 1
- Selection right contract N. P. R. Co. with C. E. Moulton, lot 1, T. 7 N., R. 7 W.346.56
- Guardian deed, Annie E. Schwarz, guardian of Hannah and Lena Nufer to Joseph Anet, S. 1-2 lot 5, block 39, Astoria1600
- J. Q. O. Bowlby et ux to Niel Jensen, tract adjoining NW. 1-4 of NW. 1-4 of sec. 30, T. 8 N., R. 9 W. 500
- Quit claim, Mary C. Roberts et al to Olof Olson, SW. 1-4 sec. 30, T. 7 N., R. 9 W. 1
- Frank Melvin et ux to W. N. Jones, 1194 acres in T. 5 N., R. 10 W. 10
- Josiah West et ux to Portland-Oregon S. Ry. Co., 80 acres in Lewis H. Judson, donation claim.1800

THE FOURTH OF JULY PROGRAM

EXERCISES, PARADES, RACES, SPORTS, MUSIC, AND A GRAND BALL WILL ALL HELP WITH FIREWORKS.

Today the Eagle will scream its loudest from one side of the continent to the other and in every portion of this great and glorious Republic the anniversary of the day when Liberty first dawned on its history, will be celebrated with fitting function and rejoicings. Astoria, amongst the rest, will add her quota to the general hilarity and celebrations, and her own up-keeping of the nation's great birthday will, one may rest assured, be commensurate with her position as one of the important seaports of the Pacific Coast. The weather clerk predicts that today will be "fair with showers." But what does he know about it? Astorians know that old Sol will do his best and shine in a manner worthy the occasion. So here is the program in which all Astoria will join tomorrow to help perpetuate the memory of the immortal Fourth:

- 10:30, grand street parade, Charles R. Abercrombie, grand marshal.
- First Division. Austin Osbourn (Aide in charge) National Band U. S. Regulars
- Second Division. Frank Woodfield (Aide in charge) G. A. R. Veterans Liberty Car Orator of the Day City Council
- Third Division. George Ohler (Aide in charge) Keleva Band Police Fire Department
- Fourth Division. Charles Wright (Aide in charge) Automobiles
- Fifth Division. Clark Knutson (Aide in charge) Floats.

The line of march of the parade will be as follows:

- The start will be at Tenth and Commercial, thence
- East on Commercial to Fourteenth street, thence
- North on Fourteenth to Bond, thence
- West on Bond to Seventh, thence
- South on Seventh to Commercial, thence
- East on Commercial to Seventeenth, thence
- South on Seventeenth to Exchange, thence
- West on Exchange to the City Hall.

At the City Hall the literary exercises of the day will be held.

The different divisions of the parade will form up at the following points:

- First division on Tenth, North of Commercial.
 - Second division on Tenth, South of Commercial.
 - Third division on Eleventh, North of Commercial.
 - Fourth division on Eleventh, South of Commercial.
 - Fifth division on Duane between Tenth and Eleventh.
- 11:30, Literary Exercises, City Hall Band Selection
Hon. J. H. South, President of the Day
Invocation, Rev. Father Waters
Reading Declaration of Independence, Otto Erickson
Band Selection
Oration, Hon. J. C. McCue.

ORDER OF RACES

- 1:30 P. M., Egg Race—10th to 11th on Commercial; 1st, \$2.50; 2nd, \$1.50.
- 1:40 P. M., Sack Race—11th to 12th on Commercial; 1st, \$2.50; 2nd, \$1.50.
- 1:55 P. M., Fatmen's Race—12th to 14th on Commercial; 1st, box of cigars.
- 2:05 P. M., Wheelbarrow Race—14th to 15th on Commercial; 1st, \$2.50; 2nd, \$1.50.
- 2:35 P. M., Pie-Eating Contest—16th and Commercial; 1st, \$1.50; 2nd, \$1.00.
- 2:50 P. M., Barrel Race—15th to 16th on Commercial; 1st, \$2.50; 2nd, \$1.50.
- 2:45 P. M., 440-yard Dash—15th to 16th on Commercial; 1st, silver cup.
- 3:00 P. M., Girls' Race—10th to 11th on Bond; 1st, \$2.50; 2nd, \$1.50.
- 3:10 P. M., Three-Legged Race—11th to 12th on Bond; 1st, \$2.50; 2nd, \$1.50.
- 3:25 P. M., Free-For-All Race—11th to 14th on Bond; 1st, \$2.50; 2nd, \$1.50.
- 3:35 P. M., Loggers' Race (Contestant to wear calked boots)—15th to 12th on Commercial; 1st, \$7.50; 2nd, \$5.00.
- 3:50 P. M., 220-yard Dash—12th to 10th on Commercial; 1st, silver cup.
- 4:10 P. M., Pole-Climbing Contest—1st, \$7.50; 2nd, \$5.00; 3rd, \$2.50.
- 4:35 P. M., 100-yard Dash—10th to 11th on Commercial—1st, silver cup.
- 4:45 P. M., Loggers' Relay Race (Each team to be composed of three men in calked boots)—10th to 14th on Commercial; 1st, \$15; 2nd, \$7.50.
- 5:05 P. M., Bicycle Race (Start on 12th

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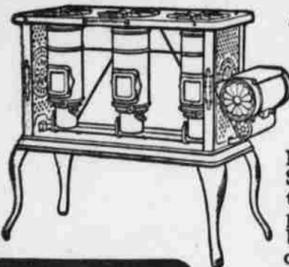
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CUSTOM HOUSE OPENED.

PEKIN, July 3.—It is officially announced that a new Chinese maritime custom house, similar to that at Kain Chau is to be opened at Port Dalny, in connection with the agreement reached May 30, being Sir Robert Mart, director general of the Chinese customs and Viscount Mayashi, the Japanese foreign minister.

OPEN TO SETTLEMENT.

WASHINGTON, July 3.—It was announced at the general land office today that 175,000 acres of land adjoining the Bitter Root National Forests, in Idaho and 137,500 acres between the Diamond Mountain and the Plumas National Parks in Colorado, will become subject to settlement September 30 and entry on October 30 next.



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and Commercial, East on Commercial to Clatsop Mill, South to Exchange, West on Exchange to 16th, North to Commercial, West on Commercial to 10th; 1st, \$5.00; 2nd, \$2.50; 3rd, \$1.50.

5:25 P. M., 50-yard Hurdle Race—10th to 11th on Commercial; 1st, steel fishing rod; 2nd, French briar pipe.

There must be at least six entries to the races for cups.

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Timekeeper—L. Rogers.
Starter—Harry Flavel

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